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In re application of: Victor Bota

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED PRODUCTION OF ADJUSTABLE DUCT MEMBER

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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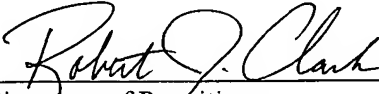
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of August 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures 14 and 17 is attached following page 11 of this paper.